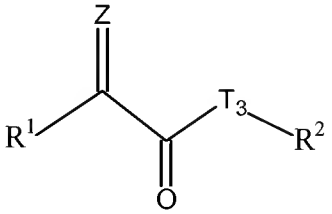
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of Formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

wherein the compound of Formula (I) is:

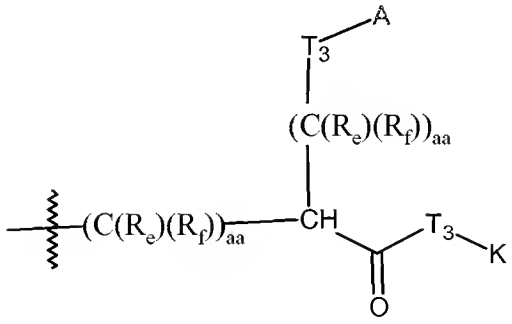


(I)

wherein:

R^1 is K' or $-(C(R_e)(R_f))_{aa}$-T_3-A;

R^2 is K, K' or



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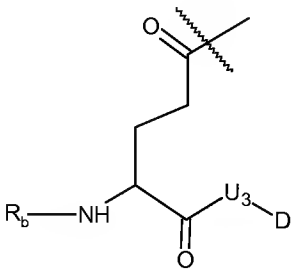
A is a hydrogen, K, K',



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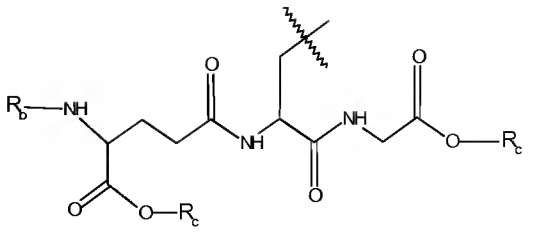

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R_b is a hydrogen, a lower alkyl group or $-COCH_3$;

R_c is a hydrogen or a lower alkyl group;

D is a hydrogen, V_3, K or K';

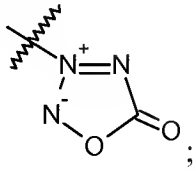
Z is an oxo, an oxime, a hydrozone, =N-O-A, -N-(OA)-R_{82}, =N-N-(A)(R_{82}) or =N-(R_{82});

R_{82} is a hydrogen, K, K', an alkyl group, an aryl group, an alkylsulfonyl group, an arylsulfonyl group, a carboxylic ester, an alkylcarbonyl group, an arylcarbonyl group, a carboxamido group, an alkoxyalkyl group or an alkoxyaryl group;

K is $-W_a-E_b-(C(R_e)(R_f))_{p1}-E_c-(C(R_e)(R_f))_x-W_d-(C(R_e)(R_f))_y-W_i-E_j-W_g-(C(R_e)(R_f))_z-(U_3)_{bb}-V_3$;

K' is $-W_a-E_b-(C(R_e)(R_f))_{p1}-E_c-(C(R_e)(R_f))_x-W_d-(C(R_e)(R_f))_y-W_i-E_j-W_g-(C(R_e)(R_f))_z-R_e$;

V_3 is $-NO$, $-NO_2$ or



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U_3 is an oxygen, sulfur or $-N(R_a)R_i$;

a, b, c, d, g, i and j are each independently an integer from 0 to 3;

aa is an integer from 0 to 5;

bb is an integer 0 or 1;

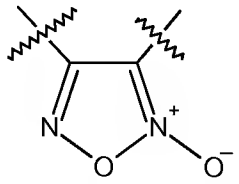
p_1, x, y and z are each independently an integer from 0 to 10;

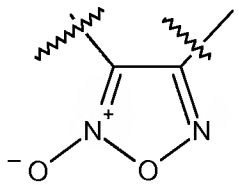
W at each occurrence is independently -C(O)-, -C(S)-, $-T_3-$, $-(C(R_e)(R_f))_h-$, an alkyl group, an aryl group, a heterocyclic ring, an arylheterocyclic ring, $-(CH_2CH_2O)_{q1}-$ or a heterocyclic nitric oxide donor;

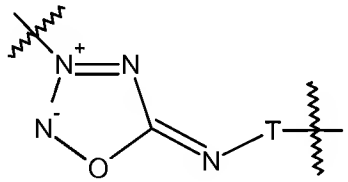
E at each occurrence is independently $-T_3-$, an alkyl group, an aryl group,

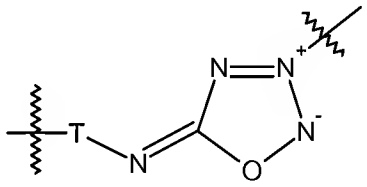
$-(C(R_e)(R_f))_h-$, a heterocyclic ring, an arylheterocyclic ring, $-(CH_2CH_2O)_{q1}-$ or Y_3;

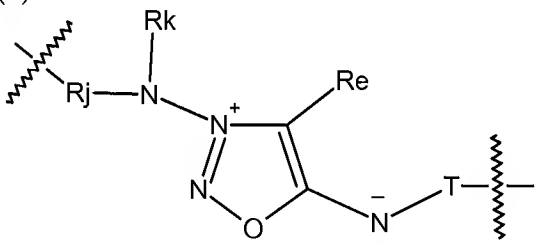
Y_3 is:

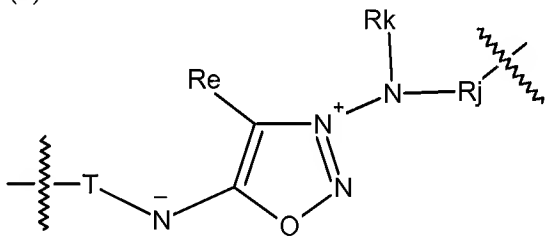
(1) 

(2) 

(3) 

(4) 

(5)  or

(6)  ;

T is a $-S(O)_o-$; a carbonyl or a covalent bond;

o is an integer from 0 to 2;

R_j and R_k are independently selected from an alkyl group, an aryl group, or R_j and R_k taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached are a heterocylic ring;

T_3 at each occurrence is independently a covalent bond, a carbonyl, an oxygen, $-S(O)_o-$ or $-N(R_a)R_i$;

h is an integer form 1 to 10;

q_1 is an integer from 1 to 5;

R_e and R_f are each independently a hydrogen, an alkyl, a cycloalkoxy, a halogen, a hydroxy, an hydroxyalkyl, an alkoxyalkyl, an arylheterocyclic ring, an alkylaryl, an alkylcycloalkyl, an alkylheterocyclic ring, a cycloalkylalkyl, a cycloalkylthio, an arylalklythio, an arylalklythioalkyl, an

alkylthioalkyl a cycloalkenyl, an heterocyclicalkyl, an alkoxy, a haloalkoxy, an amino, an alkylamino, a dialkylamino, an arylamino, a diarylamino, an alkylarylamino, an alkoxyhaloalkyl, a sulfonic acid, a sulfonic ester, an alkylsulfonic acid, an arylsulfonic acid, an arylalkoxy, an alkylthio, an arylthio, a cyano an aminoalkyl, an aminoaryl, an aryl, an arylalkyl, an alkylaryl, a carboxamido, a alkylcarboxamido, an arylcarboxamido, an amidyl, a carboxyl, a carbamoyl, an alkylcarboxylic acid, an arylcarboxylic acid, an alkylcarbonyl, an arylcarbonyl, an ester, a carboxylic ester, an alkylcarboxylic ester, an arylcarboxylic ester, a sulfonamido, an alkylsulfonamido, an arylsulfonamido, an alkylsulfonyl, an alkylsulfonyloxy, an arylsulfonyl, arylsulphonyloxy, a sulfonic ester, an alkyl ester, an aryl ester, a urea, a phosphoryl, a nitro, $-(UB_{3B})B_{bbB}-VB_{3B}$, $-C(RB_{eB})(RB_{fB})B_{kB}-(UB_{3B})B_{bbB}-VB_{3B}$, or RB_{eB} and RB_{fB} taken together with the carbons to which they are attached form a carbonyl, a methanthial, a heterocyclic ring, a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group, an oxime, a hydrazone or a bridged cycloalkyl group;

k is an integer from 1 to 3;

RB_{aB} is a lone pair of electrons, a hydrogen or an alkyl group;

RB_{iB} is a hydrogen, an alkyl, an aryl, an alkylcarboxylic acid, an arylcarboxylic acid, an alkylcarboxylic ester, an arylcarboxylic ester, an alkylcarboxamido, an arylcarboxamido, an alkylaryl, an alkylsulfinyl, an alkylsulfonyl, an alkylsulfonyloxy, an arylsulfinyl, an arylsulfonyl, arylsulphonyloxy, a sulfonamido, a carboxamido, a carboxylic ester, an aminoalkyl, an aminoaryl, $-CHB_{2B}-C-((UB_{3B})B_{bbB}-VB_{3B})(RB_{eB})(RB_{fB})$, a bond to an adjacent atom creating a double bond to that atom,

$-(NB_{2B}OB_{2B}-)P^{-P}\bullet MB_{1PB}{}^{+P}$, wherein $MB_{1PB}{}^{+P}$ is an organic or inorganic cation;

with the proviso that the pyruvate compound of Formula (I) must contain ~~at least~~ only one nitric oxide releasing group linked to the pyruvate compound through an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom or a sulfur atom;

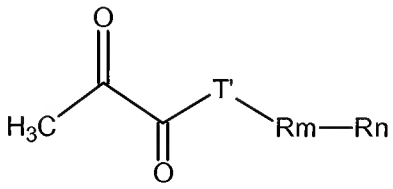
and with the further proviso that the compounds of Formula (I) do not include L-Iditol, 1,4:3,6-dianhydro-2-deoxy-2-[4-(1,2-dioxopropyl)-1-piperazinyl]-, 5-nitrate and L-Iditol, 1,4:3,6-dianhydro-2-deoxy-2-[4-(1,2-dioxopropyl)-1-piperazinyl]-, 5-nitrate, monohydrochloride.

2. (Original) A composition comprising the compound of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

3. (Original) The compound of claim 1, wherein the nitric oxide releasing group is a nitro group, a nitroso group, a furoxan, a sydnonimine, an oxatriazole-5-one and/or an oxatriazole-5-imine.

4. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein the compound of Formula (I) is a compound of Formula (III);

wherein the compound of Formula (III) is:



(III)

wherein

R_m-R_n taken together can be a hydrogen atom; or

R_m is:

(i) a covalent bond;

(ii) $-C((R_e)(R_f))_{2\text{-}5}$-;

(iii) $-C((R_e)(R_f))_{2\text{-}5}$-T-';

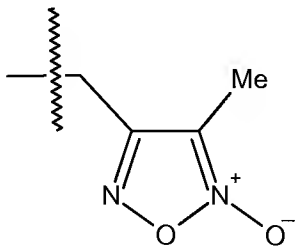
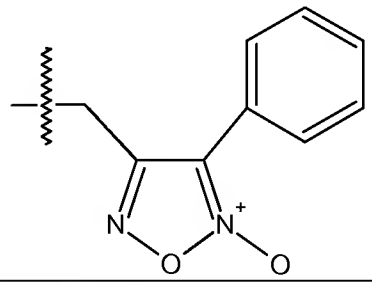
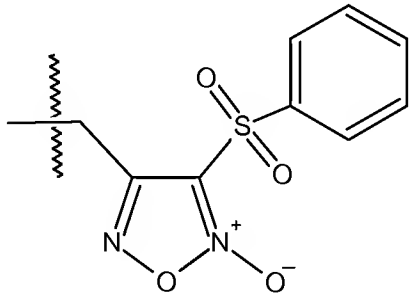
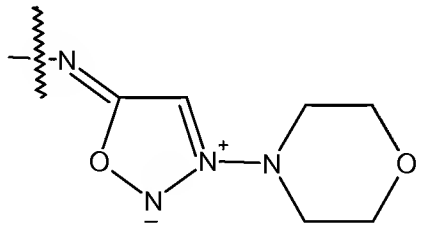
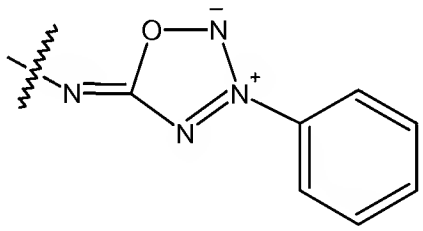
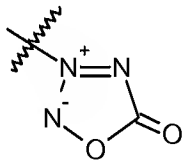
(iv) $-C((R_e)(R_f))_{2\text{-}5}$-T'-C(O)-;

(v) a heterocyclic ring; or

(vi) a heterocyclic ring-C(O)-;

R_n is:

a hydrogen or:

(1) 	(2) 
(3) 	(4) 
(5) 	(6) 

wherein:

T' is oxygen, sulfur or NR_6;

R_6 is a hydrogen, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group;

R_e and R_f are as defined herein; and

with the proviso that the compounds of Formula (III) must contain ~~at least~~ only one nitric oxide releasing group linked to the pyruvate compound through an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom or a sulfur atom.

5 – 10. (Cancelled).

11. (Original) The composition of claim 2, further comprising (i) at least one therapeutic agent; (ii) at least one nitric oxide donor compound; or (iii) at least one therapeutic agent and at least one nitric oxide donor compound.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 11, wherein the therapeutic agent is an aldosterone antagonist, an alpha-adrenergic receptor antagonist, an angiotensin II antagonist, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, an antidiabetic compound, an anti-hyperlipidemic compound, an antioxidant, an antithrombotic and vasodilator compound, a β-adrenergic antagonist, a calcium channel blocker, a digitalis, a diuretic, an endothelin antagonist, a hydralazine compound, a H_2 receptor antagonist, a neutral endopeptidase inhibitor, a nonsteroidal antiinflammatory compound, a phosphodiesterase inhibitor, a potassium channel blocker, a platelet reducing agent, a proton pump inhibitor, a renin inhibitor, a selective cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitor, or a combination of two or more thereof.

13. (Original) The composition of claim 12, wherein the therapeutic agent is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of an aldosterone antagonist, an angiotensin II antagonist, an angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor, a β-adrenergic antagonist, a diuretic and a hydralazine compound.

14. (Original) The composition of claim 13, wherein the aldosterone antagonist is eplerenone or spironolactone; the angiotensin II antagonist is candesartan cilexetil, eprosartan mesylate, irbesartan, losartan potassium, medoxomil, telmisartan, trandolapril, trandolaprilat or valsartan; the angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor is benazepril hydrochloride, captopril, enalapril maleate, fosinopril sodium, lisinopril, moexipril hydrochloride, quinapril hydrochloride; the β-adrenergic antagonist is bisoprolol fumarate, carvedilol, metoprolol tartrate, propranolol hydrochloride or timolol maleate; the diuretic is amiloride hydrochloride, chlorthalidone, hydrochlorothiazide or triamterene; and the hydralazine compound is hydralazine hydrochloride.

15. (Original) The composition of claim 11, wherein the nitric oxide donor compound is selected from the group consisting of a S-nitrosothiol, a nitrite, a nitrate, a S-nitrothiol, a sydnonimine, a NONOate, a N-nitrosoamine, a N-hydroxyl nitrosamine, a nitrosimine, a diazetine dioxide, an oxatriazole 5-imine, an oxatriazole-5-one, an oxime, a hydroxylamine, a N-hydroxyguanidine, a hydroxyurea and/or a furoxan.

16 – 18. (Cancelled).

19. (Original) A kit comprising at least one compound of claim 1.

20. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

1-[4-(nitrooxy)piperidyl]propane-1,2-dione;

N-[3-(nitrooxy)propyl]-2-oxopropanamide;

N-[2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propyl]-2-oxopropanamide;

N-[(1S)-2-(nitrooxy)-1-phenylethyl]-2-oxopropanamide;

N-[(1S)-2-(~~N~~nitrooxy)-1-benzylethyl]-2-oxopropanamide;

N-[(5-hydroxy-4-methyl(1,2,5-oxadiazol-3-yl))methyl]-N-methyl-2-oxopropanamide;

(4R)-2-methyl-5-(nitrooxy)-N-(2-oxo(3-3,4,5-trihydrothienyl))-4-phenyl-3-azapent-2-enamide;

{3-[(nitrooxy)methyl]phenyl}methyl 2-oxopropanoate;

(4-(nitrooxy)piperidyl)methyl-2-oxopropanoate;

2-(4-(nitrooxy)piperidyl)ethyl-2-oxopropanoate;

3-(4-(nitrooxy)piperidyl)propyl-2-oxopropanoate;

1-(4-(nitrooxy)piperidyl)propane-1,2-dione;

~~(2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl-2-oxopropanoate;~~

(4-(2-(nitrooxy)ethyl)phenyl)methyl-2-oxopropanoate;

(4-((nitrooxy)methyl)piperzinyl)methyl-2-oxopropanoate;

2-(4-((nitrooxy)methyl)piperzinyl)ethyl-2-oxopropanoate;

3-(4-((nitrooxy)methyl)piperzinyl)propyl-2-oxopropanoate;

(4-(2-(nitrooxy)ethyl)piperzinyl)methyl-2-oxopropanoate;

2-(4-(2-(nitrooxy)ethyl)piperzinyl)ethyl-2-oxopropanoate;

3-(4-(2-(nitrooxy)ethyl)piperzinyl)propyl-2-oxopropanoate;

(4-(3-(nitrooxy)propyl)piperzinyl)methyl-2-oxopropanoate;

2-(4-(3-(nitrooxy)propyl)piperzinyl)ethyl-2-oxopropanoate;

3-(4-(3-(nitrooxy)propyl)piperzinyl)propyl-2-oxopropanoate;

1-(2-((nitrooxy)methyl)piperidyl)propane-1,2-dione;

1-(3-((nitrooxy)methyl)piperidyl)propane-1,2-dione;

1-(4-((nitrooxy)methyl)piperidyl)propane-1,2-dione;

methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-((2-(2-(nitrooxy)ethoxy)ethyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-(N-(2-(2-(nitrooxy)ethoxy)ethyl)carbamoyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

2-(4-(2-(nitrooxy)ethoxy)phenoxy)ethyl 3-((2R)-2-amino-2-(methoxycarbonyl)ethylthio)-2-oxopropanoate;

4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-((2-(4-(2-(nitrooxy)ethoxy)phenoxy)ethyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-((3-((nitrooxy)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-(((3-((nitrooxy)methyl)phenyl)methyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-((4-((nitrooxy)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-(((4-((nitrooxy)methyl)phenyl)methyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-((3-(nitrooxy)propyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;

3-(nitrooxy)propyl 2-oxopropanoate;

3-(pyruvoylamino)propyl nitrate;

2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propyl 2-oxopropanoate;

2,2-dimethyl-3-(pyruvoylamino)propyl nitrate;

3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(nitrooxy)methyl]propyl 2-oxopropanoate;

2-(nitrooxy)-1-[(nitrooxy)methyl]ethyl 2-oxopropanoate;

2-(pyruvoylamino)propane-1,3-diyl dinitrate;

~~3,5-bis[(nitrooxy)methyl]benzyl 2-oxopropanoate;~~

~~2-methyl-3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(nitrooxy)methyl]propyl 2-oxopropanoate;~~

~~3-(nitrooxy)-2,2-bis[(nitrooxy)methyl]propyl 2-oxopropanoate;~~

2-{4-[2-(nitrooxy)ethoxy]phenoxy}ethyl 2-oxopropanoate;

~~2-nitro-3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(nitrooxy)methyl]propyl 2-oxopropanoate;~~

2-[2-(pyruvoylamino)ethoxy]ethyl nitrate;

3-[(nitrooxy)methyl]benzyl 2-oxopropanoate;

4-[(nitrooxy)methyl]benzyl 2-oxopropanoate;

~~(2*S*)-2-amino-5-[3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(nitrooxy)methyl]-2-(pyruvoylamino)propoxy]-5-oxopentanoic acid;~~

~~(2*S*)-2-amino-5-({2-(nitrooxy)-1-[(nitrooxy)methyl]-1-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]ethyl}amino)-5-oxopentanoic acid;~~

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-{3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]propoxy}-5-oxopentanoic acid;

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-{2-methyl-3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]propoxy}-5-oxopentanoic acid;

~~(2*S*)-2-amino-5-{3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(nitrooxy)methyl]-2-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]propoxy}-5-oxopentanoic acid;~~

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-{2-nitro-3-(nitrooxy)-2-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]propoxy}-5-oxopentanoic acid;

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-[3-(nitrooxy)-2-(pyruvoylamino)propoxy]-5-oxopentanoic acid;

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-({3-[(nitrooxy)methyl]-5-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]benzyl}oxy)-5-oxopentanoic acid;

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-[3-(nitrooxy)-2-(pyruvoyloxy)propoxy]-5-oxopentanoic acid;

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-{2-(nitrooxy)-1-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]ethoxy}-5-oxopentanoic acid;

(2*S*)-2-amino-5-({2-(nitrooxy)-1-[(pyruvoyloxy)methyl]ethyl}amino)-5-oxopentanoic acid;

4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-(N-(3-(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-((2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

4-(N-((1R)-2-(2-(N-(2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-2-oxoethylthio)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-((2-(nitrooxy)-1-((nitrooxy)methyl)ethyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;~~

~~4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-(N-(2-(nitrooxy)-1-((nitrooxy)methyl)ethyl)carbamoyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-(3-(nitrooxy)-2,2-bis((nitrooxy)methyl)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;~~

~~4-(N-((1R)-2-(2-((2,2-bis((nitrooxy)methyl)-3-(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-(2-methyl-3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl) thio)propanoate;~~

~~4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-((2-methyl-3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propyl) oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-(2-nitro-3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;~~

~~4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-((2-nitro-3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propyl) oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-(3-(nitrooxy)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;

4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-((3-(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio) ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-(2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

4-(N-((1R)-2-(2-((2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-(3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl) thio)propanoate;~~

~~4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-((3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-(2-(nitrooxy)-1-((nitrooxy)methyl)ethoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;~~

~~4-(N-((1R)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)-2-(2-((2-(nitrooxy)-1-((nitrooxy)methyl)ethyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-amino-3-((3-((3,5-bis((nitrooxy)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;~~

~~4-(N-((1R)-2-(2-(((3,5-bis((nitrooxy)methyl)phenyl)methyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-oxoethylthio)-1-(methoxycarbonyl)ethyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-((2-(2-(nitrooxy)ethoxy)ethyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-((3-(nitrooxy)propyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

2-(4-(2-(nitrooxy)ethoxy)phenoxy)ethyl 3-((2R)-2-(acetylamino)-2-(methoxycarbonyl) ethylthio)-2-oxopropanoate;

methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-((2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;

methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-((3-((nitrooxy)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-((2-(nitrooxy)-1-((nitrooxy)methyl)ethyl)amino)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;~~

methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-((4-((nitrooxy)methyl)benzyl)oxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio) propanoate;

~~2,2-bis((nitrooxy)methyl)-3-(nitrooxy)propyl 3-((2R)-2-(acetylamino)-2-(methoxycarbonyl) ethylthio)-2-oxopropanoate;~~

~~2-methyl-3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propyl 3-((2R)-2-(acetylamino)-2-(methoxycarbonyl) ethylthio)-2-oxopropanoate;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-(3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl) thio)propanoate;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-(2-nitro-3-(nitrooxy)-2-((nitrooxy)methyl)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;~~

~~methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-(2-(nitrooxy)-1-((nitrooxy)methyl)ethoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl) thio)propanoate;~~

methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-(3-(nitrooxy)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl)thio)propanoate;

~~(3,5-bis((nitrooxy)methyl)phenyl)methyl 3-((2R)-2-(acetylamino)-2-(methoxycarbonyl) ethylthio)-2-oxopropanoate;~~

methyl (2*R*)-2-(acetylamino)-3-((3-(2,2-dimethyl-3-(nitrooxy)propoxy)-2,3-dioxopropyl) thio)propanoate;

~~4-((2-(((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)(2S)-2-(2-oxopropanoylamino)ethyl) oxycarbonyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(((2S)-2-(((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-(2-oxopropanoylamino)ethyl) oxycarbonyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-(4-(((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)(4S)-4-(2-oxopropanoylamino)butyl) carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((4S)-4-(((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-4-(2-oxopropanoylamino)butyl) carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-(5-(((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)(5S)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino) pentyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((5S)-5-(((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl) carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~5-((2R)-2-(((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-(2-oxopropanoylamino)ethylthio)(2S)-2-amino-5-oxopentanoic acid;~~

~~5-((2R)-2-(((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-(2-oxopropanoylamino)ethylthio)(2S)-2-amino-5-oxopentanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-(5-(N-((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)(5S)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl) carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((5S)-5-(N-((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl) carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((5S)-5-((2,2-bis((nitrooxy)methyl)-3-(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl)carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

(2S)-4-(N-((5S)-5-(((6S, 2R)-6-(nitrooxy)-4,8-dioxabicyclo(3.3.0)oct-2-yl)oxycarbonyl)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl)carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

(2S)-4-(N-((5S)-5-(((2S, 6R)-6-(nitrooxy)-4,8-dioxabicyclo(3.3.0)oct-2-yl)oxycarbonyl)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl)carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;

~~4-(((1E)-2-(N-((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-1-azaprop-1-enyl)oxycarbonyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(((1E)-2-(N-((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-1-azaprop-1-enyl)oxycarbonyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-((1E)-2-(N-((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-1-azaprop-1-enyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-((1E)-2-(N-((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-1-azaprop-1-enyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-(1-(((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)(1S)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl) carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((1S)-1-(((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl) carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-(1-(N-((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)(1S)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl) carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((1S)-1-(N-((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)carbamoyl)-5-(2-oxopropanoylamino)pentyl) carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-(1-(((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)(1S)-2-(2-oxopropanoyloxy)ethyl) carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((1S)-1-(((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-2-(2-oxopropanoyloxy)ethyl) carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~4-(N-(1-(((2R)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)(1S)-4-(2-oxopropanoylamino) butyl)carbamoyl)(2S)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~

~~(2S)-4-(N-((1S)-1-(((2S)-2,3-bis(nitrooxy)propyl)oxycarbonyl)-4-(2-oxopropanoylamino) butyl)carbamoyl)-2-aminobutanoic acid;~~ or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.